

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7005

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Judge H. Allen Bray, recipient of the Sharon G. Lee Judicial Award of Excellence.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those jurists who have evidenced devotion to the law and our judicial system throughout their years on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Judge H. Allen Bray of Alcoa is one such noteworthy jurist, who was duly honored as the 2022 recipient of the Sharon G. Lee Judicial Award of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, currently serving as the city judge for Alcoa, Judge Bray is one of the longest serving, active municipal judges in the State, having served on the bench for forty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Allen Bray was raised in Morristown and worked from his senior year of high school through college as an announcer and engineer at the local radio station; he earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee (UT); and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from college, he was commissioned in the United States Air Force, serving for five years and attaining the rank of Captain; he thereafter returned to UT, where he graduated from law school in 1974. He has since furthered his legal studies by completing the course of Judicial Development from the National Judicial College; and

WHEREAS, after practicing law in Alcoa for a time, he began his service as Alcoa's municipal judge in April 1975; throughout his exemplary tenure on the bench, Judge Bray has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by his fellow jurists and colleagues in the legal profession, Judge Allen Bray has served as a member of the Tennessee Municipal Judges

Conference, further serving as Eastern Governor for the conference and in his current role as a representative on the Board of Judicial Conduct; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional capacity, he has also served his community through his involvement with the Kiwanis Club, Douglas Adult Cooperative, Jaycees, Children's Advocacy Center, and Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many professional accomplishments, Judge Bray has been blessed with the love and support of his wife of fifty-six years, the former Gail Webb of Maryville; together, the two have volunteered with First Methodist Church of Maryville and taken part in several mission trips to the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, although he has decided to step down from active service as the municipal judge and take senior status, Judge Bray will continue the private practice of law in Blount County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bray exemplifies the commitment to equality and justice under the law that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Judge Allen Bray has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of his fellow members of the bench and bar, the parties appearing before his court, and the citizens of Alcoa; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Judge H. Allen Bray on his exemplary tenure as judge for the City of Alcoa and congratulate him upon his receipt of the 2022 Sharon G. Lee Judicial Award of Excellence, extending our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.